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1. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION HERE OF MAKARIOS' INITIATIVE FOR BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE TURKS. WE KNOW THAT TURKISH EMBASSY ITSELF HAS FELT THAT THERE SHOULD BE GREATER BILATERAL COMMUNICATION, BUT HAS FAILED TO CONVINCE ANKARA.

2. WE HAVE BEEN URGING FOREIGN MINISTRY AND GREEK AND TURKISH EMBASSIES TO BE IN MORE REGULAR TOUCH. WE THINK THIS IS RATHER IMPORTANT FROM OUR POLICY INTEREST AND THEIRS. SOME PART OF THE ALMOST PARANOID SUSPICIONS AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES IS ATTRIBUTABLE SIMPLY TO THE ABYSMAL LACK OF COMMUNICATION.

3. IF OUR PRIMARY INTEREST HERE IS TO AVOID ALLOWING
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CYPRUS TO PRECIPITATE HOSTILITIES BETWEEN GREECE AND

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TURKEY, PROMOTION OF COMMUNICATION TO PREVENT WAR BY ACCIDENT SHOULD BE ONE OF OUR KEY TASKS, WE BELIEVE.

4. ANKARA/NICOSIA RELATIONS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN NEGOTIATING CONTEXT. IF GOT AND CYPRUS GOVT ABLE TO AGREE ON FORMULA, WE THINK OTHER PARTIES TO DISPUTE (I.E. TCPA AND GOG) LIKELY GO ALONG. ONLY QUALIFICATION IS THAT COMMUNICATION BE TRILATERAL, IN THE SENSE THAT EACH CAPITAL DEVELOP SOME CONFIDENCE THAT IT IS BEING TOLD GENERALLY AND ACCURATELY WHAT TRANSPIRES IN TALKS BETWEEN THE OTHER TWO.

5. AS OCCASIONS ARISE, WE WOULD URGE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSIES ANKARA AND ATHENS TO TRY TO NUDGE GREEKS, TURK CYPRIOTS IN THAT DIRECTION.
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